

July 18, 2002

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

PROPOSITION 218
LOS ANGELES CENTRAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)

On July 9, 2002, your Board voted to “direct the Chief Administrative Office (CAO), to cast ballots opposing the assessments for the properties.”

The existing BID proposes to levy \$35,519 for FY 2003 on three impacted County properties - Disney Concert Hall, Parking Lots 17 and 26. The County assessment represents less than one percent of the total budget proposed of \$4,488,319 for the BID. Under Proposition 218, the County, absent an exemption, would be required to pay the assessment if the majority of those who vote approve the assessment. On June 27, 2002, the CAO requested an exemption (attached), to the assessment of Randall Ely, Chief Operating Officer of the BID for the reasons stated.

After the Board action on July 9, 2002, (Board letter attached), representatives of the BID contacted the County to express their concerns about the County’s position on this assessment. In the course of this dialog, we learned for the first time that this is not a new assessment, as we thought and hence reported to the board.

While I believe the issues put forward in our recommendation to the Board are valid, I am concerned this information is of a type which would have been of importance to the Board in their review.

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Therefore, I have instructed staff not to deliver the ballots in this matter and to meet with representatives of the BID to discuss the County's substantive issues. It is our goal to determine if there are partnership opportunities with this BID which will have a positive direct impact on management of our Civic Center properties.

Finally, as a point of clarification, under Proposition 218 the County is required to pay the annual assessment if it is approved by the majority of the property owners casting votes in the election.

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Attachments

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
 County Counsel